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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF NEW TUNA TREATY

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FOR COMMERCE NOAA - MR. JENSEN

1. ALVERDO DE SOTO, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY BUREAU TOLD EMOFF THAT
PERU HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SAN JOSE CONFERENCE ON RENEGOTIATION OF THE IATTC. HE
SAID PERU WOULD PLAN TO SEND A DELEGATION, BUT EXPRESSED
CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENT VAGUENESS OF THE PLANNING
FOR THE CONFERENCE. THERE IS UNEASINESS ABOUT SENDING
DELEGATES TO A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE WHEN NO DRAFT TREATY
IS AVAILABLE FOR STUDY PRIOR TO THE CONFERNECE. DE
SOTO LATER (AUG 26) INDICATED THAT PERU HAD DECIDED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ECUADOR AND PERU TO COMMUNICATE
THIS UNEASINESS TO MEXICO AND COSTA RICA AND TO SUGGEST
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POSTPONEMENT.

2. DE SOTO ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT PROGRESS ON THE MIGRATORY SPECIES ARTICLE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION SHOULD PRECEDE NEGOTIATIONS ON NARROWER SUBJECTS SUCH AS TUNA FISHING. HIS GENERAL COMMENTS INDICATED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE MINISTRY

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS ECUADOR AND CHILE, ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN RENEGOTIATION OF THE IATTC BUT WOULD PREFER TO SEE MORE PREPARATORY WORK DONE FIRST.

3. IN THE MEANTIME GOP HAS NOT MADE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO REQUEST A FINDING FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE TO EXPORT TUNA TO TH U.S. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS AND SUGGEST POSSIBLE VENUE FOR BRIEFING BY MR. JENSEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHLAUDEMAN

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